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JOINT INFORMATION CENTER NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

SBC-JIC Tea Fire 021 DATE: November 17 2008

TIME: 2:30 p.m.

TEA FIRE LOCAL ASSISTANCE CENTER ANNOUNCED

INFORMATION CENTER PLANNED FOR RESIDENTS WHO LOST HOMES

SANTA BARBARA, CA – The City and County of Santa Barbara are jointly opening a Tea Fire Local Assistance Center for all residents whose homes were lost or damaged in the fire. The information center will be located at the Davis Center at 1232 De La Vina Street and will be open on Tuesday, November 18th through Friday, November 21st between the hours of 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

City and County departments and other agencies will be available to provide information and assistance related to the rebuilding and recovery process. Participating agencies include the Red Cross, Housing Authority, and Santa Barbara Contractors Association. Recovery assistance will be provided in the following areas:

- Home rebuilding
- Water and sewer lines
- Housing assistance
- Mental health
- Insurance

More detailed information will be provided when available.